Scots. E2-27—40,000—27-10-47.

FINANCE (1947) Department.

MS. SERIES.

G.O. No. 822

822

Dated 20th October 1947

[Despatch Abstract.]

T.A. - Actual expenses for transporting cars and horses across ferr
Insertion of provision in the M.T.A. Rules - Proposals - Dropped.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

From

T.S. Ramachandran, Esq., I.C.S.,
Special Officer, District Board,
CUDDAPAH.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Health and Education
Department,
Fort St. George, Madras-9.

Ref.No.15842-A2-46, dated 29th November 1946.

Sir,

Sub: Allowances - Travelling - Conveyance of Motor cars - across unbridged Rivers - Cuddapah District.

In G.O.No.2625, Ms., dated 7th October 1946 (Public Works Department) the Government were pleased to permit the transport of cars of District Engineers across the rivers in his Division by applying bulls, during dry season and draw the actual transportation charges subject to a maximum of Rs.2/- for each crossing of the Rivers.

The District Health Officer, Cuddapah requests in his letter No.6947-A-45, dated 13-11-1946 (copy enclosed) for a similar concession for transporting his car.

I request the Government to grant a similar concession, to the District Health Officer, Cuddapah also.

Sd. x x x
Special Officer.

/TRUE COPY/

RS/30/11/53

Finance (CSR) Department

No.6092 C.S.R./47-2, dated 24th February 1947.

Sub: Travelling allowance - Actual expenses for transporting cars and horses across ferries.

***

Under M.T.A. Rules as they stand it is not permissible for an inspecting officer to claim ferry charges in addition to mileage when he has to transport his car across a river or other water-channel, although such actual costs in addition to mileage are allowed by the Central and UPP. Governments. It is true that under the note to rule 43(d) an officer who transports his car by rail across the rivers Godavari, Krishna or Pennar is allowed to claim the cost, but that note is only an exception to the general instruction that an officer cannot claim the cost of rail transport for carrying his car less than 30 miles.

In G.O.No.2625, Public Works, dated 7-10-1946, the Govt. agreed as a special case that the District Board Engineer, Cuddapah could claim in addition to mileage a maximum of Rs-2/- for each crossing for employing bulls to haul his car across the rivers pennar, Cheyyar, Papagiri and Chitravati in that district in dry weather. The Director of Public Health has now recommended a similar concession in the case of District Health Officer, Cuddapah.

The sum of Rs.2/- allowed to the District Board Engineer for haulage by bulls does not appear much greater than that which has to be paid by an officer taking his car by boat across one of the wider ferries in this Presidency, for which no sum in addition to mileage is allowed. Also if actual costs are to be allowed, it appears equitable that they should be specified with reference to the crossing point and not for any particular officer. It appears that with the increased cost of labour and materials for maintaining ferry boats, that the mileage allowances admissible do not cover the cost of such crossings when they occur on a journey. The Government therefore propose to examine whether a provision should be made in the M.T.A. Rules and for allowing such costs in addition to mileage. The Board of Revenue is requested to offer its remarks on consultation with some selected Collectors and to submit proposals regarding the special rates of actual expenses to be allowed for crossing rivers and other water channels by ferry or haulage. An approximate estimate of the total cost involved may be furnished. It is suggested that Collectors would have to be directed to fix a definite maximum charge for each recognised crossing in their districts.

Sd. x x x
6-2-1947.

To the Board of Revenue.

/TRUE COPY/

Copy of Board of Revenue's Resolution No.B.P.Routine No.4128, dated 18th July, 1947.

\- - -

Sub: ALLOWANCES - Travelling - Actual expenses for transporting cars and horses across ferries - Insertion of provision in the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules - Board's remarks - Submitted.

***

Read:Government Finance (C.S.R) Department, Memo No.6092-CSR-47-2 dated 24-2-1947.
Replies from select Collectors.

***

RESOLUTION:-

The Board has consulted select Collectors on the proposals contained in the Government Memo. cited. All the Collectors consulted except West Godavari have submitted their reports.

Note Fl.

Finance (CSR) Deptt.

(Previous notes need not be read)

Ref: From the Board of Revenue, B.P.Rt.4128, d/18-7-1947.

***

Under the M.T.A. Rules as they stand it is not permissible for an inspecting officer to claim ferry charges in addition to mileage when he has to transport his car across a river or other water channel, although such actual cost in addition to mileage is allowed by the Central and U.P. Governments. Under the note to rule 43(d) an officer who transports his car by rail across the rivers Godavari, Kistna or Pennar is allowed to claim the actual cost of transport even though the distance for which it is transported is less than 30 miles. But this note is only an exception to the general restriction.

Normally the officer has to pay the charges out of his mileage. In G.O.2625, P.W., dated 7-10-46, the Govt. agreed as a special case that the District Board Engineer, Cuddapah could claim in addition to mileage a maximum of Rs.2 for each crossing for employing bulls to haul his car across the rivers Pennar, Cheyyar, Papagiri and Chitravati in that district in dry weather. It was considered by the previous Deputy Secretary that with the increased cost of labour and materials for maintaining ferry boats, that the mileage allowances admissible do not cover the cost of such crossings when they occur on a journey. It was therefore proposed to examine whether a provision should be made in the M.T.A. Rules for allowing such costs in addition to mileage and the Board of Revenue was requested to offer its remarks on the proposal. The Board agrees that provision should be made in the M.T.A. Rules for allowing the actual cost of transport of cars by ferry or haulage across rivers or other water courses in addition to mileage. Regarding the special rates of actual expenses to be allowed, the Board considers that they will vary with the locality, the agricultural operations, the nature of the river, or water course and the nature of the season of time of the year. The Board's recommendations are:--

(1) that a flat rate of Rs.2 for each crossing would be appropriate;

(2) that Collectors and other Controlling Officers may be allowed to sanction amounts on production of vouchers subject to a maximum of Rs.5;

(3) that Collectors may be requested to specify the recognised crossings in their districts so that the places so decided upon may be incorporated in the Audit Mnaual with the necessary remarks in the appropriate place in the M.T.A. Rules.

The proposals of the Board of may be accepted.

It is stated that the total cost involved in the proposal is not likely to exceed Rs.5,000 per annum. The case may be circulated to H.M.(Finance) and H.P.M. for orders. Public and Revenue may see before circulation.

Sd. x x x
25-7-1947.

Public (Services) Department

(Previous note of this Department on page 7 ante)

The Board's reference on pages 25-26 c.f. and the Finance Department notes on pages 9-10 above may be perused and the file passed on to the Revenue Department.

Sd. x x x
4-8-47.

P.T.O.

Revenue Department

TO A.S.3

(Previous notes of this Dept'n on page 8 ante may be seen)

The Board's reference on pages 25-26 c.f and Finance Department's notes on pages 9-10 ante, may be perused and the file returned to the Finance Department.

Sd. x x x
11-8-1947.

Finance Department

Please see the notes from page 9 above. Public and Revenue Agree with the proposals of the Board of Revenue. The case may now be circulated to H.M.(Fin) and H.P.M. for orders on the proposals at (M) on page 10 above.

This case is summarised on pages 9-10 ante.

Public and Revenue agree with Finance that the recommendations of the Board of Revenue at (M) at top of page 10 ante may be accepted.

The Board recommendations may be approved.

Sd. x x x
12-8-1947.

H.M.(Finance) B.G.R.
5-9-1947.

H.M.P. Not necessary. Sd. O.P.R
25-9-1947.

For perusal of H.P.Ms.

Sd. x x x
15-9-47.

H.M.(Fin) B.G.R.
17-10-47

Please see the orders in circulation on page 11 above.

The papers may now be recorded for facility of future reference.

MS.G.O.822, Finance, dated 20-10-1947.

Abstract: T.A.- Actual expe for transporting cars and horses across ferries - Insertion of provision in the M.T.A. Rules, Proposal Dropped.

Sd. x x x
Secretary to Government.

/TRUE COPY/

OFFICE ASSISTANT,
Madras Record Office.

RS/30/11/53